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REMARKS

1. Claims 1-9, 11 and 15-21 are pending in this application. The limitation of dependent claim 10 has been incorporated into independent claim 1. Consequently, claim 10 has been canceled. Claims 19-21 have been added, presenting in independent form the limitations of claims 12-14, respectively, including the limitations of independent claim 1. Accordingly, claims 12-14 have been canceled.
2. Claims 1-9, 11 and 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Carlson-1542435. In view of the amendments to the claims, this rejection may now be withdrawn.
3. Claim 18 was allowed. In addition, claims 10 and 12-14 were deemed to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Since the amendments to the claims accomplish this objective, and all formal requirements appear to have been met, Applicants respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 10-0750/ETH5116/MSG.

Respectfully submitted,

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